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What Is Patriotism?

By VAdm. James B. Stockdale

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IN JUST ONE SINGLE YEAR!

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GROWS IN VIRTUALLY ANY SOIL

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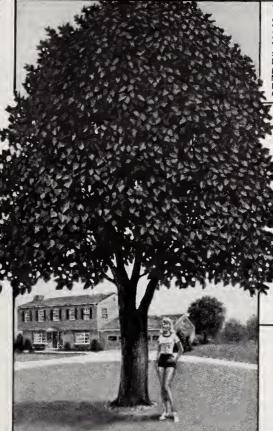
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green leaves.

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### Commander's Message

### **Veterans Lead the Way**



Frank I. Hamilton

After the Revolutionary War, Civil War and Vietnam War, the United States faced a period of reconstruction. Though specifics have differed, the challenge has always been to reconstruct a united front capable of dealing with pressing national problems once armed conflict has ceased.

In 1783, the American Confederation's principal task was to find a method of building loyalty to a new nation and of laying aside sectional, partisan selfishness. Samuel Shaw, a veteran and first U.S. consul to China, said of the times: "We are 13 states and a hoop to the barrel in the prevailing sentiment." Shaw's estimation of the national desire for a "hoop to the barrel," however, was somewhat exaggerated. In reality, there was a strong feeling of separatism pervading all of the newly formed states.

Another veteran, Alexander Hamilton, was one among many who was concerned that divisiveness would wreck the nation. He wrote that "... the republic is sick and wants powerful remedies . ." Hamilton was concerned that petty individual and regional interests would make the United States appear "... weak and insignificant by their dissensions in the eyes of other nations. . . . The more I see," he wrote, "the more I

find reason for those who love this country to weep over its blindness."

By the mid-1780s, the Congress of the Confederation was considered so feeble a foundation upon which to build a united government and it was held in such low esteem by the people that some states refused to send representatives. Even the presidency of the Congress—the highest office in the land—was treated with growing suspicion and accorded little respect.

The mood of the nation was well reflected by the words of John Adam's daughter after she had dined with several Congressional leaders: "Had you been present, you would have trembled for your country," she said, "to have seen, heard and observed the men who are its rulers."

Still more disturbing was Great Britain's adamant refusal to remove troops from frontier posts on American soil. John Jay, soon to become Chief Justice of the United States, solemnly advised Congress that the only way to preserve the new-found peace was to be prepared for war. But America, as she has done in varying degrees after every armed conflict since, had already disbanded the army and her navy was in a serious state of disrepair. Then, as now, we were in a precarious position militarily to wage war against a super power; even vital spheres of interest within our own borders were considered unsafe

To make matters worse, the Barbary States were kidnapping American mariners and asking a ransom

"Something had to be done to curb the tide of affairs and the veterans stepped forward."

for their return, while Great Britain was boarding our vessels by force in search of British "deserters." On the home front, veterans were asking for bonuses promised by a wartime government, but the federal coffers were nearly empty and inflation was rampant.

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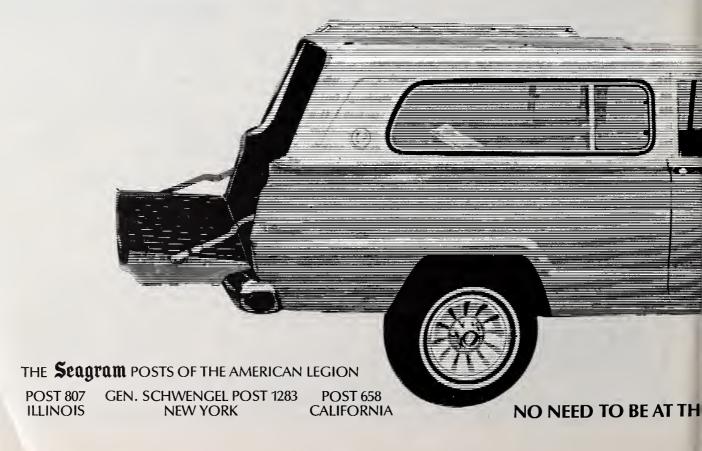
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### Letters

#### The Commander

 If every Legionnaire followed Commander Hamilton's advice in "Let's Get Out the Vote" (May), there could be a swing toward more responsible government. There have been too many "sidewalk superintendents" complaining after election day who did not participate in the process. Let's get them into the voting booths with the admonition: "If you don't vote, don't squawk!"

CHARLES C. HAIMO New York, NY

#### God's Men

• "God's Men in Battle" (May) is superb and Vernon Pizer's editorial style is such that once reading is begun one cannot put this article down.

MAJ. GEN. KERMIT D. JOHNSON Chief of Chaplains, USA Washington, DC

- Congratulations for "God's Men in Battle," which explains the scope of activities and the depth of our ministry. A Catholic chaplain and I ministered to many of the wounded from the Normandy invasion at a Naval Hospital in southern England. REV. ARTHUR S. JOHNSON St. Paul, MN
- I read with great personal interest "God's Men in Battle." It was the example of our chaplain's ministrations to the wounded in Germany during World War II that inspired me to continue similar activity as a volunteer chaplain in several military fraternal organizations.

EUGENE PFLEIDER Horton, KS

• Your fine article "God's Men in Battle" was read with interest and gratitude for the excellent research and professional presentation. At the conclusion—in "The Chaplaincy Today"-you have successfully captured the spirit and intent of the chaplain's ministry.

ROBERT J. ECKER Captain, CHC, USN Washington, DC

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 I express my deepest gratitude to The American Legion Magazine for publishing the outstanding article "God's Men in Battle," which is very meaningful to me since I was the official necrologist for all American Military Chaplains who died in Vietnam.

> LEONARD J. LUKASZEWSKI Chaplain (LTC), USA Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN

#### Laser Beams

• Philip C. Clarke's "Lasers and Lightning Bolts" (May) is devastating in its implications. Here we are, a nation wasting critical time arguing whether or not to install a massive ICBM mobile launch facility in the Southwest which will be rendered useless when the Soviets put their charged-beam antimissile system into operation. How tragically shortsighted can we be?

WILLIAM EIMERS, JR. Saint Maries, ID

#### Coincidence

• Thanks for publishing Phyllis Zauner's fascinating article "Funny You Should Mention That!" (May). This article, mysterious as it is, offers new hope that we still live in a universe where a tireless and friendly Principle unceasingly watches over us.

E. F. GILBERT Rock Rapids, IA

#### Barbecue

 In "King of the Backyard Barbecue" (April), the author states that "no one knows for sure where the term 'barbecue' originated." My observation is that the French language, when given its literal meaning, states that the *whole* hog (or suckling pig) would be roasted "from whiskers to tail," that is, from barbe to queue. For many years I have believed the term "barbecue" to have this origin.

TRUEMAN E. O'QUINN Austin, TX

 "King of the Backyard Barbecue" (April) was most interesting reading, however, how many people know the meaning of the word as a space (Continued on page 45)

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### Big Issues

### Does the Economy Need a Big Tax Cut?



Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R-OH)

Yes. The rapid growth in federal taxes and expenditures since 1976 has slowed economic growth in the United States to a snail's pace and lowered the living standard of all Americans.

Since 1976, taxes have doubled, from \$300 billion to at least \$600 billion in FY81, while spending has increased by 68 percent, from \$366 billion to a requested \$616 billion.

As these statistics indicate, gov-

ernment is consuming a larger and larger portion of America's resources, up from 18.5 percent in 1976 to over 22 percent in 1981. As government claims an ever-increasing slice of the nation's economic pie, the portion available to the private sector, which provides jobs and puts goods on the shelf, decreases. The result has been negligible economic growth.

If we are to achieve the economic growth which is vitally necessary to reduce unemployment and keep prices down, government must reduce its consumption of the nation's resources. In short, it must tax less and spend less.

Reduced taxes and restrained federal spending are the two key components of the "supply-side" economic policy advocated by the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), on which I am the ranking Republican. JEC members, and an increasing number of other members of Congress, believe that we must shift our nation's economic focus from hyped-up demand toward increased supply. By bolstering supply, we are convinced we can achieve higher productivity, stable prices and unparalled economic growth.

Tax cuts can help bolster supply if they are structured to encourage increased savings and investment, both of which are necessary capital to modernize and expand plants and equipment.

The higher taxes of recent years have resulted in a dramatic decrease in savings and investment. It is clearly no longer worth saving when most interest income is taxed away by the IRS. And it is clearly impossible to modernize and expand if the savings from which to borrow and invest are no longer available.

The correct approach is to cut taxes so people will be encouraged to work harder and to save and invest more. Unlike conventional demand-stimulus tax cuts, which simply encourage people to spend like crazy and drive the inflation rate up, supply-stimulus tax cuts are designed to encourage people to save and invest more so that our nation's economy can grow. Supply-stimulus tax cuts will not add to inflation and will, over the long term, help slow inflation.

Supply-stimulus tax cuts are essential to increased savings and investment. Increased savings and investment are essential to national economic growth and rising living standards.



Rep. Paul Simon (D-IL)

No. At first glance, reducing taxes this year seems reasonable, even desirable. Hurt by soaring prices, people could use the additional income. But a closer look reveals a different story, a story the "tax cutters" refuse to acknowledge in this election year.

Slashing federal income taxes this year will actually increase another less equitable tax: inflation. The new income the tax cut would

produce would quickly become the victim of higher prices.

Although facts and figures have a strange way of changing as an election approaches, the law of supply and demand defies political gimmickry. And it says that a tax cut will increase demand and that demand spurs inflation. Even the tax cut advocates agree that we cannot stand more inflation.

It is ironic that there is so much support for a tax cut. This is the first year in memory that both Democrats and Republicans in Congress are working together to balance the budget. For the first time many members of Congress are standing up to the special interest groups saying we all must sacrifice in order to halt inflation. To simultaneously support a tax cut is strangely contradictory.

Veterans are among the groups who suffer the most from inflation. There are more than 1.2 million veterans who live only on their pensions and there are another 2.2 million whose disability benefits are a major source of their income.

In addition, the loss of revenue from the tax cut would eliminate any cushion that would allow us to provide needed funds for veterans' benefits and other worthwhile federal programs and still balance the budget.

Cutting taxes also has its drawbacks as an economic tool. Some people argue that in a slow, recessionary economy a tax cut provides a much needed stimulus. But in times of high unemployment, specific targeted employment assistance is faster, more effective, more efficient and less costly than a tax cut.

I am not saying we should never cut taxes. When the economy cools and we have a budget surplus, a tax cut will be in order. We should be able to do that within two years. I would also strongly support specific tax cuts that would increase productivity and encourage individual savings.

But the economic times are not right and I do not see them being right for a while. We should listen to the advice of Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, who is by no means a liberal economist. He has repeatedly urged that we avoid cutting taxes this year.

A politically sweet tax cut now may help the politicians in November, but it will eventually hurt us all with higher inflation.

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### News to Use

### College: The Costs and Concerns

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1. Costs are rising steadily. Currently, room, board, tuition, books, travel, clothing and incidentals can run to \$10,000 annually in a top private school. By watching every penny, a student may make it for \$3,000 or even a shade under in a public institution. In any event, the four-year investment could range from \$12,000 to \$50,000.

2. Entering college is no guarantee of a diploma. In fact, about 50 percent of those who enroll never finish for a variety of reasons—lack of money, poor scholarship, distaste of the routine.

3. Academically, it's a hard life. Competition is especially tough for about 20 percent of new students who find they are deficient in math, and for the 10 percent who aren't up to par in English.

4. Colleges these days are highly cosmopolitan. Gone are the days of young male, white dominance. Half the students now are female. Minorities and foreign students are in the mix. And an increasing percentage of students is in a higher age bracket because 1) they wait a year or more after high school before entering college, or 2) they're part-timers.

5. While freshmen often can't pinpoint goals, it's wise to consider what might happen after graduation. Right now, the big demand is for engineers, scientists and business majors (starting salary for petroleum engineers currently is \$24,000; for accountants, \$15,500). Majors in the humanities and social sciences usually find the going rough and sometimes have to retrain.

### Fixed vs. Renegotiable Rate Mortgages

If and when you can get a mortgage, you will find that more savings and loan institutions are pushing a new type—the 30-year renegotiable rate mortgage (RRM). Broadly, it works like this:

• Instead of making a single 30-year deal with a bank, you make a series of short-term loans, varying from three to five years, which add up to a maximum of 30.

• At the end of each loan term, the rate for the next term can change—up or down—according to an index compiled by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. However, the variation can't go over ½ percentage point per year, nor more than 5 percentage points over the full life of the mortgage. Banks don't have to increase if they think it's competitively inadvisable, but decreases are mandatory.

• You can break off the deal without penalty after the first term if you think you can do better elsewhere. Banks, however, can't do the same.

While the RRMs aren't expected to supplant fixed-rate mortgages entirely, the U. S. League of Savings Institutions predicts that "lending institutions in general will put as much of their funds into RRMs as they can," because "it is no longer practical for many lenders to make long-term, fixed-rate loans." Incidentally, in Canada a similar type mortgage—called "rollover"—has become virtually standard.

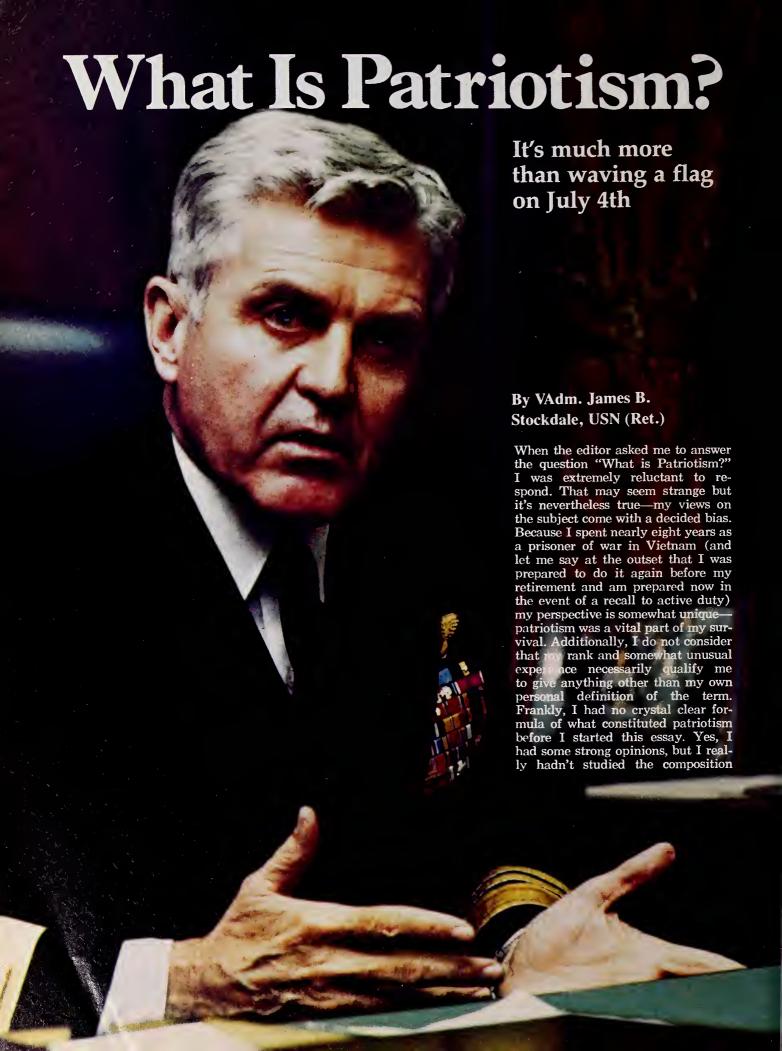
### Developments Worth Noting

Energy Audits: Now is the time to find out if your utility offers a home-inspection service that will show where your home is leaking energy. Many companies do this for as little as \$10; some will give you a free guide if you want to do the job yourself. By starting early, you will have time to make improvements before winter.

Air Fares: Despite generally rising ticket prices, you can still find bargains both here and abroad. That's because declining traffic and stiffer competition on the high-traffic routes are forcing airlines to resort to promotions, contests and special fares. Best bet: Consult a knowledgeable travel agent; it's almost impossible for you to keep up with the hectic scene.

By Edgar A. Grunwald





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of patriotism or its distinctive elements. My initial feeling was that it had to be an all-inclusive term for the traits that I admire and believe characterize us Americans.

Instinct told me to begin with the old schoolboy approach of seeing what Webster and others have said about it. My dictionary defines patriotism as "love and loyal or zealous support of one's country, especially in all matters involving other countries." That's certainly a tall order and I must admit that the definition surprised me a bit because I was unaware of its genetic connection with foreign policy. Yet such a definition seemed inadequate, too simplistic—something was missing.

Although its current usage is of fairly recent origin, countless statesmen, politicians, academicians and military men have written about it. Before surveying the literature, I'd anticipated that many of these wideranging thoughts would have their own particular bias, reflecting the temper of the times, the prevailing political sensibilities and the affliction of writers to make things obscure, to play on nuance, or to cast their words in waffled prose that leaves no room for criticism—there were no surprises.

In my view, patriotism is a word, a concept and a commitment so fundamental that it defies precise definition. So I'll avoid the pitfalls of precision in two ways: first, by saying a few things about what patriotism is not, and second, by suggesting how patriotism can guide our lives in a meaningful, vital and active way.

Patriotism cannot be purchased in the store like an ordinary commodity. Made in USA and largely unaffected by the economy, it is not traded over the counter or through your broker. Patriotism gains no followers through cocktail party enlightenment. E. O. Wilson to the contrary, it's not something that's wired into all of us genetically. Insouciant flag waving on the Fourth of July does not qualify anyone as an instant patriot. Patriotism stands apart from our materially oriented world and entails obligations; there are dues to pay and the psychological costs can be substantial.

I believe that patriotism is the logical result of education and can



VAdm. Stockdale—former POW, Medal of Honor recipient and career naval officer—pauses to pay respect to his nation's flag.

be taught and learned just as other virtues are taught and learned. Deeply rooted in the proud history of this country and in the wellspring of human freedom and dignity, it serves as a way of life in both prosperity and in adversity; those who view it as some philosophical construct with little or no utility suffer from the marketplace mentality and they're dead wrong. Patriotism belongs in our daily lives in good times and bad. Mine is not a call for some ritualistic show of faith every morning between pushups and breakfast, but a conviction that patriotism exists as part of the timeless fabric of the American way of life.

In prison, we Americans had many mainstays. Mine reduced to a strong three-legged stool of God, country and honor. Patriotism formed the honor leg of that stool. By honor I mean a mixture of pride and conscience. That is, pride in one's country and in one's self, and a well-developed conscience based on this nation's history and its citizens' obligation to uphold the promise and commitment of our Founding Fathers.

"There are dues to pay for our freedom that few are willing to acknowledge . . ."

A 19th-century Swiss historian, Jacob Burkhardt, described honor as what remains after faith, love and hope are lost. Our captors in Vietnam concentrated on stripping away these emotional necessities with incessant physical, mental and spiritual assaults. Alone, sick and suffering, with the agony of having the thin veneer of civilization brutally removed from our lives, faith, love and hope were taken away from the strongest men as the screws of this extortion environment were tightened. Day by day, the North Vietnamese hacked away at our honor, too. But there they hit the bedrock of resistance and resolve. We prisoners saw the bottom of the barrel and our honor, our patriotism, helped save us from going over the edge into barbarism. I've seen brave men broken to the point that honor was the only building block left-but it was there. Patriotism sustained, encouraged and gave hope. There are no "rainy-day" patriots-the acid test comes not by "hanging in there" when you expect sunshine at the end of the storm, but by steadfast faith and allegiance when you know the sun will never shine again.

Gradually, we built on our virtually untapped reservoir of personal and national pride, keeping faith with our fellow prisoners and with our nation. Those eight years in prison have left me with a great deal of what I call emotional baggage. We underwent an irreversible process that shunned all that was glib, shallow and cheap. We gratefully assumed the burdens of loyalty, commitment, passion and idealism. That was the pride part of honor.

The immense strength of our history elevated our conscience and helped maintain our hope and unity. Clear footsteps of greatness to follow were found at every milestone. Our Founding Fathers knew obligation and adversity first hand-56 of them knowingly laid their lives, liberty and sacred honor on the line when they signed the Declaration of Independence. And they paid their dues. In the ensuing war, 9 were killed in action, 5 died as prisoners of war, 12 had their homes burned (most of the rest had theirs ransacked), several lost sons, one's wife died in prison, and 17 (including Thomas Jefferson) went broke. Throughout all

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### **By Dorrine Anderson Turecamo** Americans are insatiably creative; if president of a public relations firm a problem doesn't exist, they'll create stated as she erased "9 ACROSS" one. Mysteries are the fastest selling for the third time. books, with hundreds of thousands "There are many things I will never forgive my mother for," writes Nora Ephron, "but heading the list of paperback whodunits pouring off the presses each year. These are stuffed into back pockets of attaché is the fact that she did (her puzzles) cases to be whipped out whenever in ink." "When I was on the faculty of there is a five-minute wait for the Columbia University," the research bus, for the water to boil or in the dentist's office. director for an advertising agency recalled, "our group of crossword puz-Chess has become a million-dollar industry, with inlaid boards, intrizle doers got to the point where we'd cately carved ivory figures, how-tothrow away the ACROSS or the DOWN section to get more of a chalplay-it courses and internationally televised contests. "Executive puzlenge." zles" are displayed as status symbols Once you become that adept, you on chief executive officers' massive seek another challenge—creating the mahogany desks. Monopoly, glorified crossword puzzle. The methods of in design and price, has returned and approaching this can be as complex Scrabble is now available in 27 variand dissimilar as the creators themselves. As one particularly adept eties, under as many names and puzzle creator emphasized: "The price tags. toughest thing is to make an easy But the strongest addiction of all puzzle" and the "easiest thing is to is still flourishing without an effective antidote. The crossword puzzle make a tough puzzle." Challenge for Champions

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"I think it's a state of mind," the

The Grande Dame of Crosswords, Margaret Farrar, first crossword editor for the *New York Times*, retired from the paper long ago but still is busily inventing puzzle books for Simon & Schuster and Pocket Books. "I'm on series #123," she proudly announced, "with 75 puzzles in a book—except #1, which had only 50 puzzles. I started the books in 1924." According to this "legend in the field," Bantam Books is now tally-

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ing up the winners of the first major contest held for crossword puzzle creators.

There are heroes in every field. Mention Willie Weng's name to a puzzle fan and you'll witness a sudden glow in the most somber face. A true puzzleholic, this long-time crossword puzzle editor of the *New York Times* is spending his retirement lecturing on puzzles at resorts, shopping malls, dinner meetings and wherever these obsessive-compulsives congregate. Size is the first consideration, advised this amiable former copy chief who succumbed to puzzle creating fever at age 50.

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"Interesting themes attract an edi-

tor's attention," according to Weng. "Things to do with George Washington (for his birthday) or with income taxes (for April 15) would interest us. I just did one on the days of the week that was pretty good."

"Crossword puzzles are easy to

### ... the toughest thing is to make an easy puzzle ...

create," claims Norman Young, who holds a Ph. D. in psychology. "There are no tricks." But Mr. Young was a child prodigy who was doing crossword puzzles at age seven. He explained how most crossword puzzles are symmetrical (balanced) with black boxes that confine you to a design and determine your word sizes.

"Symmetrical designs are good discipline," says Weng. And they look pretty on paper.

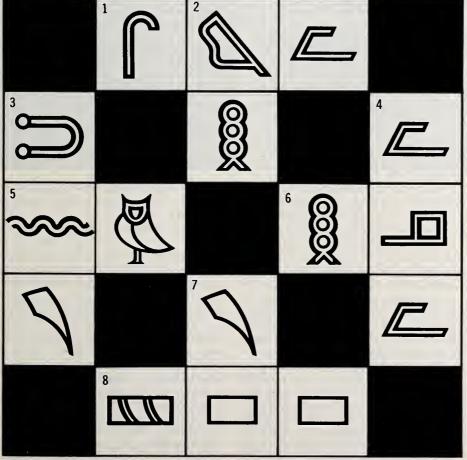
The infinite variation of patterns doesn't seem to alarm any one of the experts. However, Weng admits that you may have to juggle the black squares around if you have trouble. He also cautions that two squares must be added whenever you decide one is needed, to maintain the symmetry.

"Start with the answers," Young advises. "Once the answers are filled in, then you make up the questions. That's really the only trick to creating a puzzle. If you started with a pattern and tried to do the questions first, you'd be dead. Beyond that, it's very helpful if you have either a wide vocabulary or a big dictionary."

Margaret Larson, public relations scion, says, "I make a grid first, 21 squares by 21 squares, and pick a theme . . . such as animals. Then I list about 75 words having to do with horses and begin to fill in the spaces with these words. Actually, I go back and forth, making questions and an-

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This hieroglyphics puzzle, the first ever published, was conceived by Dr. Norman Young and will be included in his forthcoming book "Hieroglyphics for the Kiddies."



Across Down

1 SAM 2 TO FIGHT

5 WHO 3 WHERE

6 AND 4 TO DESTROY

8 RICH 7 TO COUNT

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Budapest, 1956 (at right): enraged Hungarian citizens, though being crushed by the onslaught of Soviet tanks, raise their fists in anger and push onward.

An American Patriot: "A cry of defiance and not of fear."



### **By Ernest Cuneo**

Napoleon declared that in war the force of the spirit exceeds the power of guns by three to one. Actually, Napoleon was rediscovering one of the costliest lessons ever learned by the Roman Empire and expressed in the axiom that there is no victory until there is surrender.

Military triumph followed by mere political surrender doesn't achieve victory. It is one thing to overrun a country; it is still another to break its spirit. The ancient Atheneans had the absolute definition: the only final victory is in persuasion of the people.

This was enunciated as a political principle by the Declaration of Independence which declared as a selfevident truth that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. What the Declaration announced as a principle, however, has been proven as a basic military fact: a deeply aroused people cannot be defeated by military force. The Revolutionary War was started by the embattled farmers at Concord: "The farmers gave them ball for ball, from behind each fence and farmyard wall." Those same tactics were employed by "Swamp Fox" Francis Marion's tiny force of Caro-

the soil of Poland, the Polish people never struck the Polish flag. Even now, it flies full-mast, from their hearts.

Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a military genius whose fortifications at Saratoga were a decisive factor in winning the American Revolution, returned to fight for Poland's freedom. The magnificent Polish farmers charged the Russian and German batteries with their scythes. They, of course, were cut down. Poland's land was divided, but that only served to

# The Spirit: **Mightiest**

### Weapons are no match for the greatest force known to man

of Fortresses

linians who harried the army of Cornwallis into a desperate northern retreat-and surrender at Yorktown.

The most vivid example of this relentless spiritual force is embodied in the history of Poland. The mighty Soviet armies do indeed hold Poland captive. By force of arms, they do indeed maintain a puppet Communist government. But have the Polish people surrendered? Historically, the answer is that the Poles have never surrendered-never.

This occupying Russian power is nothing new to the Poles. A free Polish flag of a free Polish people has flown for only 20 years in the past 200. Politically, the czars and the Kaisers literally dismembered Poland and divided its parts between them. Though three foreign flags flew over



unite Polish hearts. The monument to General Kosciuszko at West Point, given by the U.S. cadets, states: "Freedom shrieked when Kosciuszko

Actually, there was vast rejoicing in Prince Metternich's Europe; the ruling monarchs thought that freedom had fallen with Kosciuszko. But it hadn't. To the battlefield where the Polish farmers had fallen, first came a straggle of Polish peasants with a few baskets of earth. Others followed. The hundreds became thousands, and tens of thousands. A mound of earth, as plain and ordinary as the plain, ordinary people who brought it, grew to a great mound, hundreds of feet high. There it stands today: silent under the stars, simple and unadorned, but as immovable as the

earth itself. Only a few hundred feet high, the Kosciuszko mound casts its shadow over the occupying Russian armies.

It is more than a mound of earth; it is the living symbol of an unconquered and unconquerable people. Poland's torturers-the Romanovs, the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs—have passed into history and, as Patrick Henry thundered of George III to the Virginia House of Burgesses, the Kremlin might well profit by their example.

subsequent retreat will be twice the rate of advance. Moreover, a retreat prolonged will result first in demoralization and then disintegration.

Russia has armed herself awesomely for an accelerated rate of advance in the 1980s, how awesomely was revealed by her swift military occupation of Afghanistan.

The jagged flash of Russia's lightning strike into Afghanistan awakened American eyes to an eerie global landscape. It revealed a towering thunderhead of overwhelming

mer, a lightning blow which could knock out Western Europe within two weeks. Nor is this all. In tactical aircraft, Russia's numerical superiority is two to one. In naval surface combat ships she outnumbers us three to two and, most ominously, the excellent Red submarine force exceeds ours seven to two.

Geography multiplies the Russian advantage. All of Russia's target countries, including Western Europe and the Middle East, are vulnerable by land. Russia is by far the most



Actually, the Kremlin need not be warned of it-they live in mortal fear of it. Russia now faces a dreadful dilemma. The Kremlin has committed the nation to material supremacy, to overwhelming military might. And there is the dilemma: as Napoleon noted, you can do everything with a bayonet but sit on it. Like Hitler's Germany, the wider the boundaries of the Communist empire, the thinner the dispersal of its forces. Already desperately dependent on detente, and hard put even to feed her own people, Russia must force a decision in the 1980s. The invasion of Afghanistan is the first desperate step. The Russians are devotees of Karl von Clausewitz. Clausewitz, a military strategist, held that unless an objective is reached, the rate of

Russian military might, capable of throwing powerful lightning blitzes throughout Eurasia and at Western Europe particularly. So heavy is the shadow of the Russian military weight overhanging the Free World that Pravda and Radio Moscow gloat daily that America's indignation over the Afghanistan invasion is actually caused by the humiliation of discovering that the United States is no longer a superpower.

There is no point in mincing words-as military might goes, the Russians are correct. Russia now leads us in tanks five to one. Thirty five thousand of them are poised on NATO's borders. In armored personnel carriers, the Soviet armies exceed us four to one. In artillery, eight to one. These constitute a Thor's Hampowerful single military force in Eurasia. Indeed, Russia's landmass alone is more than that of the United States and Canada combined.

In the production of those basic needs of war, steel and oil, Russia exceeds America's production. Moreover, Russia's energy advantage has been magnified by the fact that the Free World's energy base, the Persian Gulf oil fields, is only 350 miles from the clutch of the Soviet armies in Afghanistan. For the West, however, these Persian Gulf oil fields are thousands of sea miles away, miles which the U.S. Navy publicly declares it cannot keep open.

Until the 1970s, Western Europe and the United States deluded themselves into the belief that American

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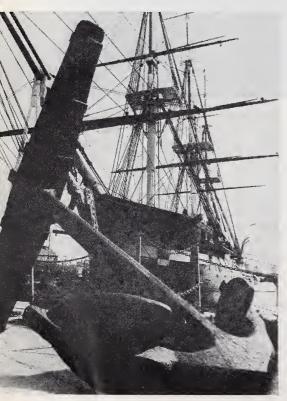
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# Things To Do In BOSTON



Let's all head for Jubilee 350 and the National Convention





### By Grail S. Hanford

There is an amusing New Yorker cartoon showing two ladies arriving by train at a railroad station with one saying to the other, "I feel I should warn you. They've taken down most of Boston and they're putting up something else."

That attitude typifies Boston's present high spirits and forge ahead atmosphere—a city on the move in the midst of Jubilee 350, a year-long celebration of its 350th anniversary.

The American Legion will be holding its convention festivities this year in Boston, where our nation took her first steps toward independence.

By our country's historic calendar, Boston is an old city. John Winthrop settled it on what is now Massachusetts Bay in 1630, when he moved there from nearby Charlestown with 800 colonists. The first grim winter saw 200 lost to starvation, but with spring and the arrival of a ship bringing provisions, the industriousness of the surviving colonists insured the

settlement's success. Today, Boston—whose early commerce was based on fishing, trapping and trading—still flourishes as a port city.

As in other port cities, Boston grew from the waterfront inland, with narrow alleys and lanes comprising its first streets. Many of those original thoroughfares remain, contributing to the charm and old-world feeling that are part and parcel of Boston's character.

Because of this quaintness, the city is an excellent place for sightseeing and walking. In recent years, in the wave of redevelopment that has swept the country, Boston has cleared out her waterfront area, retaining what is best and removing the rest. This enormous renewal project has turned one of the city's depressed areas into its crown jewel. No visitor to today's Boston will want to miss a trip to Quincy Market, the restored former Boston marketplace, with its charming dining spots and varied food stands. Nearby are historic Faneuil Hall, where some

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Boston's impressive skyline, with the towering John Hancock building and Prudential Tower in view

USS Constitution, built in 1797 (opposite page)

Boston's famed Old South Church doubled as a place of worship and a meeting house.



of the first acts of the American Revolution were plotted, and Durgin Park restaurant with its marketplace atmosphere. For those with an extra hour, there is a multi-media film called "Where's Boston," shown hourly in a location across from Faneuil Hall.

Greater Boston has a population of some 2.5 million. The city itself claims half a million people whose heritage includes: the Boston Massacre of 1770, the Boston Tea Party of 1773 and Paul Revere's legendary ride to alert the countryside on April 18, 1775. The USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides," oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy, is berthed here.

Boston is famous also for its educational institutions, medical facilities, sports teams and sporting events and for a cultural heritage that has enriched lives with both its outstanding Boston Symphony Orchestra and famous Boston Pops. It's also the home of world renowned museums and libraries. In addition, Bostonians' tastes often set the standards of the

day—"Banned in Boston" was not a phrase coined lightly. Boston can claim a number of fine theaters and restaurants of all types—though as a seaport town so famous for its fish that the Boston scrod took its name from it, you might want to start your dining-out list with some fish restaurants at the top.

Mix all the above and, any way you view it, Boston stands out as a first-rate vacation and convention city.

Now for the particulars of the Legion's 1980 Boston convention.

The convention will meet from Friday, August 15 through Thursday, August 21. Headquarters hotel is the 1,428-room Sheraton Boston at the centrally located Prudential Center, where the Legion's 1967 convention was so successfully housed. It is here that the Standing Commissions and Committees and the Convention Committees will hold their meetings on Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17. Here, too, the National Convention Banquet, the Command-

er's Dinner to Distinguished Guests (always the social highlight of the convention) will be held in the hotel's Grand Ballroom on Tuesday, August 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Convention floor meetings will be at the John B. Hynes Veterans Auditorium, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 19, 20 and 21. The auditorium, which seats 5,800 persons, is part of the giant Prudential Center.

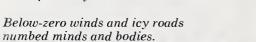
In a lighter vein, the Musical Spectacular, a colorful and competitive event, will take place at Boston University's Nickerson Field on Saturday, August 16, at 7 p.m. The field has astro turf, can seat about 20,000 and has fine lighting for this evening event. Located just a few miles from the Legion's headquarters hotel, the field can be reached by auto or a quick subway ride, which eliminates parking problems once you get there.

On Sunday, August 17, at 4 p.m., after a day of commission and com-(Continued on page 42)

# Classic Photographs of Korea



A grief stricken infantryman whose buddy has been killed in action is comforted by another soldier.







A weary GI after patrol.

A bazooka blast shakes dirt from soldiers' clothes and stirs up dust at their feet.

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### By Dr. Lawrence E. C. Joers

USS Portland (CA-33) zigged and zagged enemy torpedoes and Japanese dive bombers while all around her the South Pacific rapidly became a graveyard for warriors, aircraft and ships. "Sweet Pea," as Portland was called by her crew, had seen battle before, but this fight would prove different. Above the din of a man-made hell, a small prayer was said . . . and answered.

Disabled aircraft left black plumes in the sky as they plummeted to destruction and, aft of *Portland*, we saw a destroyer maneuvering frantically to avoid a falling enemy. She failed and the plane crashed onto her bow, sending jets of flame hundreds of feet skyward. Cool in the face of calamity, the destroyer's skipper turned her bow into the wake of a nearby ship; the spray washed the deck and extinguished the flame.

Meanwhile, as senior medical officer on *Portland*, I was called from my topside battle station to attend to an injured sailor in sickbay. As I prepared to suture the man, I felt a strong impression of great danger and an urge to pray for myself and my ship.

This I did silently while tending the wound.

"Thump!" Something struck the starboard bulkhead and I turned instinctively toward the gray wall. Then, even over the voice of battle, I heard a raucous scraping across *Portland*'s outer skin. But I was busy and there were so many other noises that I continued my work. Soon the unusual sounds were forgotten.

The sailor's injuries weren't serious, so I sent him back to his battle station. I went topside to my own.

As I approached my station, the dental officer—excited and nearly out of breath—shouted for my attention: "Doc Joers, did you see what just happened out there?"

Glancing to starboard where he pointed, I calmly explained that I had seen nothing since I left sickbay a few moments earlier. "What happened?" I asked.

"I saw . . ." and here the young officer paused as if to collect his thoughts and carefully choose his words. "I saw a torpedo coming through the water only minutes ago and it smashed smack into the bow



# A Small Prayer

# An earnest request brought miraculous results

of our ship . . . Doc, it never exploded!"

Not knowing what to think or say, I just stared at him.

"But that's not all," he continued.
"That young aviator over there was standing by the hangar and we both saw another torpedo coming straight at us. He threw his hands up and shouted, 'It's going to hit us, it's going to hit us! Nothing can stop it!'

Trembling a little myself, I asked, "But it didn't hit us?"

"You'd have known it if it had," he said with unmasked disgust. "Instead, it dived deep at the last moment, went under us and came out on the other side of the ship."

I could hardly speak, but managed to say, "That was a miracle," though I still wasn't sure my dental officer wasn't suffering from battle fatigue.

"It was," he agreed, "but you'll never believe this. Right after that, a third torpedo barely missed our fantail. What do you make of it, Doc?"

I remembered my strange sensation of impending danger and I was becoming convinced of my fellow officer's sincerity and sanity. Suddenly I remembered my quickly uttered prayer and the thump that followed; that same feeling of another presence overcame me momentarily.

After the battle was over, I went to the bridge to make my report to the skipper. Sitting on a stool and gazing at the sea, he spoke quietly, reverently: "Doc, Almighty God watched over this ship today."

"I believe that, Captain."

"Four torpedoes were heading directly at this ship," the captain said. "They seemed to come from one point off our starboard, and they came one after another. I was sure the first would hit us, but we avoided it by maneuvering."

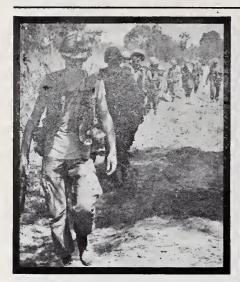
The captain sat silently for a moment lost in thought and then continued, "But that second one, Doc, it scored. But it didn't explode. It hit us smack in the bow but never went off. The next one would have hit too, but it dived at the last second—Joers, it dived deeper than torpedoes can go. The fourth barely missed our stern."

With that, the captain slipped off his stool onto the solid deck, looked me straight in the eye and said with mock seriousness, "Now I'm really concerned. I've got to report this to Washington and they'll never believe it." Finishing in a mutter, he said, "They'll think I've developed combat fatigue . . . or something."

The conversation over, I turned to leave as the captain reiterated, "Yes sir, Doc, the Almighty watched over this ship today."

Something very unusual and very special happened that day on "Sweet Pea." It was more than imagination and more than coincidence. As I descended the bridge ladder, I said another small prayer, "Thank you, Almighty God."

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Up thru Age 29	\$92,000.00	\$80,500.00	\$69,000.00	\$57,500.00	\$46,000.00	\$34,500.00	\$23,000.00	\$11,500.00
From Age 30 thru 34	73,600.00	64,400.00	55,200.00	46,000.00	36,800.00	27,600.00	18,400.00	9,200.00
From Age 35 thru 44	41,400.00	36,225.00	31,050.00	25,875.00	20,700.00	15,525.00	10,350.00	5,175.00
From Age 45 thru 54	20,240.00	17,710.00	15,180.00	12,650.00	10,120.00	7,590.00	5,060.00	2,530.00
From Age 55 thru 59	11,040.00	9.660.00	8.280.00	6.900.00	5,520.00	4,140.00	2,760.00	1,380.00
From Age 60 thru 64	7.360.00	6.440.00	5.520.00	4,600.00	3,680.00	2,760.00	1,840.00	920.00
From Age 65 thru 69	4,600.00	4,025.00	3,450.00	2,875.00	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,150.00	575.00
From Age 70* thru 74	3,036.00					1,138.50	759.00	379.50
Age 75* and over	2,300.00					862.50	575.00	287.50
Prorated Premium†	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10

\*No persons age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

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### The Message Center

VA, LABOR DEPARTMENT REMINDING DISCHARGED VETERANS OF THEIR REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS . . . The VA and the Department of Labor have joined forces to remind recently discharged servicemen and women of their reemployment rights. VA is including in an information kit it sends to new veterans a Labor Department flyer detailing the reemployment rights federal legislation mandates for them . . . Officials of the two agencies believe the flyer will aid veterans confronted with reemployment problems, many of whom are unaware of the rights they have in this area... For information and assistance, veterans should contact the nearest VA regional office or Department of Labor field office.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE PAYABLE IN ONE LUMP SUM . . . Recent changes in VA regulations will now allow National Service Life Insurance to be payable in one sum when selected by the insured in his or her last Will and Testament . . . This will eliminate hardships to beneficiaries who are limited to installment options selected by the insured many years prior to his or her death . . . All cases will be decided on an individual basis and there are some Wills that may not be accepted as a change of option. Further, this change pertains to options only and not to changes in designation of beneficiary.

VA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE MARKED BY SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES JULY 18-20... In recognition of the VA'S 50th anniversary, VA chief of chaplains Corbin L. Cherry has called on churches across the nation to ask veterans to participate in religious services the weekend of July 18-20... On the same weekend, chaplains in VA medical centers also have been asked to encourage veterans to participate in services.

DISABLED VETS ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL DRIVER TRAINING . . . Special VA driver training which offers severely disabled veterans the chance to become more mobile is being taught at 40 VA driver education centers across the country . . . The VA more than doubled its number of driving education centers in 1976 and has offered some 90,000 hours of this specialized training to more than 8,400 disabled vets . . . Veterans and military personnel with service connected disabilities who receive VA grants for an automobile or van are eligible. Authorization may be extended to others eligible for VA medi-

cal care if it is determined to be medically justified by VA standards.

VETERAN HOME BUYERS TO GET HELP FOR ENERGY-SAVING HOME IMPROVEMENTS . . . The VA has announced a program to help veteran home-buyers finance the installation of energy-saving home improvements . . . The cost of such items as solar heating and cooling systems and insulation and storm windows can be added to the loan amount when installed in conjunction with the purchase of an existing home . . Improvements can be financed for up to 30 years without any cash outlay and can usually be made after the VA has approved a loan, without further government involvement . . . Interested eligible veterans can discuss the program with loan guaranty specialists at their nearest VA regional office or with their lenders.

VA-GUARANTEED HOME LOANS QUICKLY RESPOND TO UNSETTLED ECONOMY . . . In the past few months there's been some good news and bad news for veterans seeking VA-guaranteed home loans . . . As commercial home loan rates have dropped in recent months, the VA-guaranteed rate has been quick to follow suit. From a record high 14 percent ceiling set on April 3, the VA-guaranteed rate dropped to 13 percent on April 28 and to 11.5 percent on May 15... That 1.5 percent drop between the end of April and the middle of May represented the largest decrease in the VA's home loan interest rate in history. For a veteran buying a home with a 30-year, \$50,000 GI loan, that 1.5 percent decrease represented a savings of about \$58 per month in payments . . . The bad news is the change does not affect existing loans, whose interest rate remains the same for the life of the agreement. And two years ago the rate was 9.5 percent while last year at this time it was 10 percent-rates many home-buying experts believe we're not likely to see again for some time.

PAST NATL. CDRS. NAMED TO VA CEMETERIES
AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE . . . Past Natl.
Cdrs. Alfred P. Chamie (CA) and Joe L.
Matthews (TX) have been appointed to the
VA Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and
Memorials . . . They are two of 12 persons
on the committee which will advise the
Administrator of Veterans Affairs on the
administration of the National Cemetery
System, possible future cemetery sites,
appropriate memorials and the adequacy
of federal burial benefits set by
Congress and administered by VA.

### **Dateline Washington**

**Measures Help Cushion Recession Impact** 

There's virtually no chance of a Great Depression like that of the 1930s, say economists, because of protective measures established by Congress aimed at tiding over the unemployed and those coping with hunger.

No one knows how deeply the 1980 recession will cut into jobs, although the auto and construction industries have already been hard hit. To meet this contingency, unemployment compensation is available for a basic 26 weeks of benefits for a maximum of \$200 a week depending on the individual state programs, plus another 13 weeks of "Extended Benefits" under a supplementary federal law. Some idle workers also get a boost in their weekly benefits as a result of union-management agreements.

Under Trade Readjustment Allowance legislation, workers losing employment because of imports competition are guaranteed 50 to 70 percent of their take-home pay, depending on individual state programs. Meanwhile, some 20 million Americans are expected to receive assistance via the food stamp program.

Beefing Up U.S. Defense Systems

The Pentagon, fairly well satisfied with our capability to strike back at any Russian nuclear attack from our submarine and bomber defense systems, is eager to beef up our land-based missile network.

The military planners want to replace the aging Minuteman with the more potent MX intercontinental ballistics missile, at a cost of more than \$30 billion, in a move to strengthen what is considered to be the weakest link of our nuclear defense triad.

At first, the idea was to hide the precise location of the 200 or so missiles by shifting them over a series of oval tracks running thousands of miles through Utah and Nevada. In the face of mounting opposition there, the Pentagon has given up on the race tracks for a straight line of tracks through the desert.

With the Soviets increasing the number and accuracy of their warheads, some defense experts believe our landbased system is more vulnerable to a surprise Russian attack than our missile-firing subs and bombers.

FDA Worries Over Too Many X-rays

Approximately 3 out of 10 of the 278 million medical and dental diagnostic X-rays made annually in the U.S. are not needed, according to the FDA's Bureau of Radiological Health. The excessive application of this technique, together with overexposure caused by faulty or misused equipment, are an unnecessary peril to our health. A significant reduction of overuse and careless administration of X-rays could eliminate as many as 1,000 cancer deaths a year, it is estimated.

The FDA, along with the medical profession, believes that X-rays are an important tool in diagnosing and dealing with disease, but the FDA is concerned there may be a tendency on the part of physicians to turn to radiation when not really needed. The agency is acting to improve the safety of X-ray machines and is working with the states in improving handling of the delicate equipment, but also warns that the public must be alert to the hazards involved in overuse and overexposure. Backup safety legislation is pending in Congress.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Sea Power Primary—"... There is no other objective in my view more important to the security and economic viability of the American people than the objective of restoring our sea power overall to a competitive position." Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, former Chmn., Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After Brezhnev, What of Russia?—"The important thing is that no matter who replaces him, the policies—both foreign and domestic—that he has followed will remain basically the same." Malcolm Toon, former ambassador to U.S.S.R.

Not Good Enough Yet—"Our social mechanisms for supporting people in retirement are improving. But are they good enough to sustain a decent standard of living? I don't think they are yet." Dr. Robert N. Butler, director Nat'l Institute on Aging

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Irony Of Our Times—"The irony of our times is that in an age when supersonic aircraft and high speed telecommunications should improve human understanding in worldwide institutions, the opposite, in fact, is taking place." David A. Heenan, dean, College of Business Admin., Univ. of Hawaii.

Rights Versus Duties—"We've heard a lot about rights lately, but have you heard about duties? I haven't." Gen. William C. Westmoreland (USA-Ret.).

Voters View Of President—"When they discover the President isn't a combination of Plato, Socrates, Babe Ruth and Jesus Christ, they become disappointed and claim that he's not functioning properly." Robert K. Murray, prof. of History, PA State Univ.

Righteousness Can Hurt—"In the last five years, incalculable damage has been done to the U.S. intelligence establishment. While we have been engaged in a quest for purity and in extended discussion of the meaning of righteousness (or of self-righteousness), the intelligence instrument itself has been deteriorating." James Schlesinger, former CIA director and Energy Sec'y.

Mans Future Viewpoint—"In the past epoch, man was concerned with death, high mortality; his attitudes were anti-death, anti-disease. In the future his attitudes will be expressed in terms of pro-life and pro-health. The past was dominated by death control; in the future, birth control will be more important." Dr. Jonas Salk.

"Siesta Society" For U.S.?—"... We are choosing between a reindustrialized society and one emphasizing quality of life... If we opt for quality of life, we will gradually lose our economic strength... we will become a 'siesta society' in which there is less drive and less productivity..." Amitai Etzioni, Presidential adviser and prof. of sociology at Columbia Univ.

Regulators Need Regulating—"We have developed a regulatory system that has resulted in giving regulatory agencies a blank check on national income. There's no system in government for establishing priorities among regulatory agencies." Jim J. Tozzi, director, Office of Regulatory and Information Policy.

Life Not Easy For Leaders—"... Contemporary history is testimony to the proposition that if a leader wants to make arbitrary changes, neither bureaucracies nor armies are notably easier to control from the top than is a populace of unorganized citizens..." James G. March, professor, Stanford Graduate School of Business.

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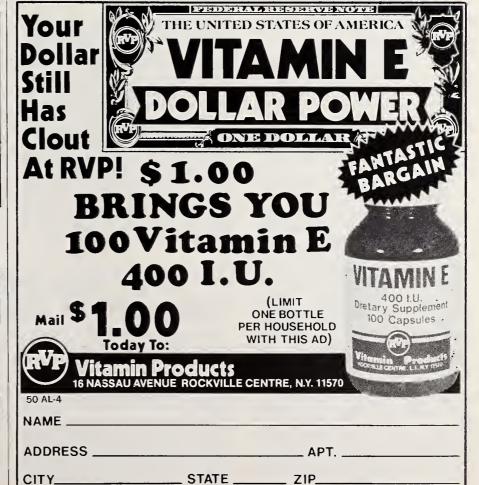
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### NEC Enacts Full Slate of Resolutions

### Spring Meetings Set The Stage for Boston

The Legion's National Executive Committee (NEC) enacted a full slate of resolutions during spring meetings held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, April 30-May 1.

Acting on a National Foreign Relations Commission resolution, the Legion "strongly urged the President of the United States and the Congress to suspend scientific, cultural, economic, industrial, technological, agricultural and educational agreements with the Soviet Union until it withdraws its troops from Afghanistan."

In other foreign relations resolutions, they commended U.S. Ambassador Diego C. Asencia "for his patriotism, courage and indomitable spirit" during the 61 days he had been held hostage by a guerrilla group in Bogotá, Colombia.

The President was also urged to continue taking strong diplomatic and covert actions, as feasible, to secure the release of our U.S. citizens held hostage in Iran. A related resolution commended the courageous and heroic behavior of the volunteers who participated in the U.S. rescue mission to Iran.

The NEC acted upon a number of National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission resolutions during the gathering. Among those approved measures aimed at maintaining the integrity of the VA as a one-stop federal agency to handle all federal benefits for veterans is one calling for rejection of any administrative or legislative proposals that merge any functions administered by the VA into the Social Security Administration or the (formerly titled) Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Another Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation resolution opposes the contracting of services by the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery to outside sources. This is designed as a means of insuring timely delivery of quality health care to the nation's veterans.



NECmen are led in prayer by Natl. Chaplain Karl E. Kniseley (CA) during the opening session of the Spring meetings.

The Legion will also oppose the enactment of any legislation that proposes to include the VA medical care program under any national or state hospital cost containment program and will, under terms of another resolution, support legislation calling for a special compensation and pay program for doctors, dentists, nurses and other health care professionals in the VA. In a related resolution, the Legion calls for the exemption of such health care professionals from the provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 covering senior executive service perIn a tough and comprehensive national security resolution, the NEC called on Congress "to conduct a comprehensive review of all elements of the defense program to reverse the trend to weakness, closing the gaps in our defense capabilities and assuring the security of the nation."

The resolution further calls for providing an annual budget—allowing for inflation—to give the U.S. new long-range combat aircraft, a new strategic missile system, an expanded Navy capable of protecting American interests and vital sea lanes and tactical ground and air forces supplied and equipped to meet any

### Diamond Jubilee Certificate Authorized for 60-plus Years

The National Executive Committee has authorized the creation of a "Diamond Jubilee Certificate" suitably inscribed by the Natl. Cdr., to be presented to all Legionnaires of 60 or more years continuous membership.

In making the authorization the NEC noted that because loss of Post records through fires and other causes has made it impossible for many long-time members to provide definite proof of length of membership, Departments so desiring may accept the written certificate of individual members as to their length of continuous membership when official records are lacking or are inadequate.

Initial distribution of the certificates will be made automatically from Natl. Headquarters in November to coincide with Veterans' Day celebrations.

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Mississippi NECman Ralph M. Godwin studies a resolution under consideration by the committee. Godwin, who is retiring after 25 years in that position, was commended by the National Executive Committee for his "long and extraordinary services to the Legion."

threat to the security of the United States, Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere.

Other approved national security resolutions call for adequate military pay and allowances to enable the military to recruit and retain sufficient numbers of quality men and women; and establishment of a Rapid Deployment Force "capable of immediate deployment to any area of the world to meet any threats to U.S. interests..."

A Membership and Post Activities Division request for funds to upgrade the scholarships offered for National High School Oratorical Contest achievements was approved. This will double the scholarships now offered for the four participants in the national finals from \$8,000 to \$16,000 for first place; from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for second place; \$3,000 to \$6,000 for third and from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for fourth place.

The National Legislative Commission report called attention to demands for fiscal restraint by the federal government and suggested that in this national election year with campaigns and national political party conventions that "Congress will not be looking for additional projects and will delay most contro-

### Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Endorsed by Executive Committee

The American Legion has gone on record in support of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

The nonprofit, charitable organization seeks to erect a national memorial in Washington, DC in honor and recognition of all American veterans of the Vietnam War, and especially those who gave their lives.

Legislation has been introduced in both the House and Senate designating two acres in Constitution Gardens near the Lincoln Memorial as the site upon which the memorial will be placed.

All costs of design and construction, currently estimated at \$2.5 million, will be financed by the Memorial Fund with funds raised through public subscription.

For further information or to make a donation write: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 37240, Washington, DC 20013.



With Membership & Post Activities Commission Chairman Gary Sammons (MI) helping, Cdr. Hamilton draws the name of the first of 25 Post Cdrs. who won expensepaid trips to the Boston Convention.

versial and politically sensitive issues until 1981."

The report further noted the draft registration measure which has passed the House may face filibuster action and that President Carter's balanced federal budget proposal already had recommended a \$300 million cut in VA funds while House and Senate budget committees were recommending further cuts ranging between \$200 and \$400 million.

During the opening of the two-day session, Mrs. Bernard (Agnes) Kennedy, national Auxiliary president, presented a \$20,000 Auxiliary check to Cdr. Hamilton for use in the continuing work of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program. She also presented a check for \$5,000 to assist with the eight regional leadership conferences to be conducted this fall.

Other highlights of the spring meetings included an address by Indiana University Basketball Coach Bobby Knight at the National Cdr.'s banquet for the NEC. Knight cited his own participation in American Legion youth programs in his speech to the 450 people in attendance. He urged the Legion never to abandon the programs it provides for the young people of America. "Such programs," he said, "help prepare young people to reach goals.

"In many cases, the military has been a leader in showing people how to approach things and to reach goals. I think you people continuing your association with the military in The American Legion have done just that in the many things you have done for youth across the country."

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### Child Welfare Grants Made to Eight Groups

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., awarded a record breaking \$106.041 to eight nonprofit organizations during their annual meeting at National Headquarters. The grants went to:

• Delinquency Control Institute, USC, Los Angeles, CA-\$6,400 to enable eight police officers to receive grants to attend the Institute for training in working with children and youth in trouble.

• College of Canons, Canon City, CO-\$2,541 for the project, "Design and Application of Corrective Eyeglasses for Dyslexia."

• Epilepsy Foundation of Washington, DC-\$19,150 to develop an education package for children whose lives are affected by epilepsy.

• National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, Benzonia, MI-\$24,980 to fully fund their educational film about Reye's Syndrome.

• United States Association for Blind Athletes, Beach Haven Park, NJ—\$16,720 to set up state and regional development programs for visually impaired children to participate in games and athletics.

• St. Mary's Hospital for Children, Bayside, NY-\$15,000 for the project, "Helping Asthmatic Children to Exercise." (Grant made from 8 & 40's Restricted Fund used solely for lung and respiratory disease.)

• The American Humane Association, Englewood, CO-\$8,250 to fully fund their project, "Child Sexual Abuse—A Betrayal of Trust."

• The National Society for Autistic Children, Washington, DC-\$13,000 for their project, "Dissemination of an Educational Kit for Parents of Children with Autism."

### Disability Compensation

Under existing legislation, armed forces veterans will get an estimated \$6.2 billion in compensation from the VA in fiscal year 1981 for disabilities incurred while in service. The amount for individuals is based on degree of disability.

### VA Eligible

More than two out of every five Americans are potentially eligible for VA benefits.



During Spring meetings, Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut (left) presented Natl. Cdr. Hamilton with a resolution from the city council declaring April 30 "American Legion Day" in Indianapolis. Shown presenting a copy of the same resolution to Natl. Auxiliary President Mrs. Bernard Kennedy is City-County Council President Beurt SerVaas.

### SHORT TAKES

Members of Post 77 in Aspinwall, PA recently hosted an "evening out" for the wheelchair and ambulatory patients of the local VA hospital which included a visit by No. 58, Jack Lambert of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Children at the New Franklin School of Portsmouth, NH are learning that "Reading Is FUNdamental"(RIF) thanks to the active participation and financial support of members of Post 6 there.

Kids around Girard, KS recently got to match wits with the fish in Legionnaire Gene Hallacy's pond during the youth fishing derby sponsored by Post 26. While not each of the 80 children who participated caught a fish, they all left stuffed with hot dogs and proudly displaying their official "1980 Girard American Legion Youth Fishing Derby" Tshirts.

A \$1,600 Blood Pressure Monitoring Unit has been donated to the Topsham, ME Volunteer Fire Department by Post 202. When members of Post 79 in Weymouth, MA decided to hold a dinner honoring their WWI members, they reviewed their records and came up with an interesting statistic: the 30 living WWI veterans in the Post represent 1,647 years of continuous membership in the Legion.

### **American Legion Life Insurance** Month Ending April 30, 1980

The following is an actual case from the files of The American Legion Life Insurance

\$18,000 paid—age at death 44. Cause of death—heart attack. Total premiums paid: \$480.

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Since January 1, 1980.

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(Applicants failed to return health form)

"Effective January 1, 1980 a 15 percent 'across the board' increase in benefits will be extended through December 31, 1980."

The American Legion Life Insurance is an official program of the American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee, 1958. It is decreasing term insurance, issued on application to paid-up members of The American Legion subject to approval based on health and employment statement. Effective Jan. 1, 1980, death benefits range from \$80,000 (8 units through age 29, 25 in Ohio) in decreasing steps of \$125 (½ unit at age 75 or over). Previously, maximum was 6 units. This protection is available throughout life, as long as the annual premium is paid, the insured remains a member of The American Legion, and the Plan stays in effect. Available up to eight units at a flat rate of \$24 per unit a year on a calendar year basis, pro-rated during the first year at \$2 a month per unit for insurance approved after January 1. Underwritten by two commercial life insurance companies, the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California and United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York. American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Fund is managed by trustees operating under the laws of Missouri. No other insurance may use the full words "American Legion Life Insurance Division, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, Illinois 60680, to which write for further details.

### VA Phone Calls

VA personnel answered nearly 24 million telephone inquiries from veterans requesting assistance in 1979.

## Membership Knows No'Off Season'

### An Interview With Natl. Director Adoox

Q. Jim, it's summer, the membership drive is at an end and Legionnaires are gearing up for Convention. Why talk about membership now?

A. Your question implies there is some kind of "off season" for recruiting new members. Does that also mean there is some kind of "off season" for what the Legion stands for? Is there an "off season" during which the rights of veterans are set aside?

Of course not. And that's why it's particularly important to remind our members of that fact at this time of the year.

Q. The numbers show we've had a pretty good year recruiting new members yet you don't seem satisfied. Why?

A. For the simple reason that recruiting members is not a numbers game. We aren't just recruiting new members, we're recruiting the Legion's leaders of tomorrow. We're saying that if the Legion's enviable record of service to America is to continue unbroken, we've got to continually seek out those people who

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can—and will—work just as hard as those who preceded them.

Q. What about Legionnaires who won't get out and recruit new members by saying "Vets know about the Legion already and all those who want to join already have."?

A. That's not even a good cop out. It makes me wonder why people who would say that would join the Legion in the first place. Legionnaires with a good record of recruiting new members know there are over 26 million eligible veterans out there and only 10 percent are members of the Legion. That makes our growth potential enormous. But that growth is dependent upon dedicated Legionnaires inviting the other 23.8 million to join.

Q. Are you saying, then, that recruiting new members is as simple as merely asking people to join?

A. In some cases it's just as simple as that. But recruiting new members—the kind of people the Legion needs and wants—is usually neither a simple nor an easy task. We've got some pretty stringent membership requirements you know. A person must not only have honorably served in the armed forces during wartime, but must also make a commitment to protecting and preserving those things he fought for.

Q. O.K. Suppose I'm a Legionnaire who's decided for the first time that I'll try to recruit new members. Where do I start?

A. The best way to start is to look around at your family and friends. These are people you know. Tell your brother-in-law to quit griping about that erosion of veterans benefits he sees and join an organization that's doing a pretty good job of protecting those benefits. Ask your friends who've made it in the business world to look around them. Was their education paid for through the GI Bill, their home financed with a VA-guaranteed loan? Who foughtand continue to fight-for exactly those same kind of benefits that each veteran has earned?

Q. Why aren't Vietnam era veterans joining The American Legion?

A. They are joining—in ever-increasing numbers. Vietnam veterans comprise the second largest group of veterans in the organization and are outnumbered only by WWII members. Not only are they joining, but they are also accepting responsible leadership roles at all levels of the organization.

For example, a large percentage of the National Headquarters staff are Vietnam veterans. Among these are the Executive Directors of both the Indianapolis Headquarters and the Washington office, Division Directors and the majority of the Membership and Post Activities staff.

Vietnam veterans hold positions as Department Commanders and Adjutants. There are also a number of all-Vietnam-veteran Posts.

Q. What do you say to a prospective member who says he's not interested in joining because he doesn't want to join a group of people who sit around drinking, playing bingo and telling war stories?

A. There's no denying the Post does serve an important social role for veterans and their families. But the assumption that an American

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"The assumption that an American Legion Post was organized for the purposes of drinking, playing bingo and telling war stories is a myth."

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### FOR LEGIONNAIRES

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Legion Post was organized for the purpose of drinking, playing bingo and telling war stories is a myth.

I don't have to tell Legionnaires about our many fine community service programs and activities. But I can lay some statistics on them: Last year Legion Posts donated over \$1 million to sponsor Boys State candidates while almost 4,000 American Legion Baseball Teams were sponsored to the tune of \$6.5 million.

Legionnaires can also take pride in their continuing fight to see the rights and benefits of all America's veterans preserved. In short, it's hard to imagine an eligible veteran anywhere who couldn't identify or be interested in at least one program our organization is involved in.

Q. Aren't you over-reacting a bit in the importance you place upon recruiting new members?

A. The ability of our organization to continue serving the veteran is solely dependent upon each Legionnaire and that Legionnaire's commitment to recruiting new members. That's not over-reaction. That's a fact.

If in the past you've been an active membership "go getter" the Legion appreciates your efforts and asks that you continue your good work. But if you've sat on your hands and let others recruit new members, it's time you got involved in membership recruitment.

It's simple, really. Every new member you sign up makes The American Legion a stronger, more viable organization. It's your organization, work for it, it works for you!

(Membership applications can be obtained through your local Post or by writing The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.)

### **Hospital Visits**

Vietnam era veterans made 3.3 million outpatient visits to VA medical centers last year, or more than one out of five made by all former service members.

#### California Veterans

Of the 30 million living ex-military personnel, the VA estimates that four percent, or 1.2 million of them, reside in Los Angeles County, CA.



Bob Schinaman

### Vietnam Veteran is July's Legionnaire

Bob Schinaman, past Cdr. of Guth Brothers Post 111 in Woodlawn, OH and a Vietnam veteran is July's Legionnaire of the Month.

Bob served with the Marine Corps in Vietnam where he was wounded. Today, although he must wear a leg brace as a result of that wound, he is extremely active in his Post and District and serves the Dept. of Ohio on their Bowling Commission.

In addition to being the first Vietnam veteran Cdr. of Post 111, Bob has served in many chairmanships and elected offices. In addition he has served District 4 and the Dept. of Ohio as Asst. Sgt. at Arms.

At the first Viet-Vets Job Fair in Cincinnati, Bob was honored as Legionnaire of the Day while helping more than 1,400 job applicants attending the event receive information on employment in the area.

In spite of Bob's leg brace, he bowls on the Post league and pitches on the softball team. Because, in part, of his efforts, a rule was introduced into the Hamilton County and District 4 Softball Leagues that permits a handicapped player to play his position and bat for himself, but a substitute may run for him after he reaches base.

Bob continues his active interest in his Post and its members and is active in the many programs geared to the Vietnam veteran.

### Patient Census

The average daily patient census in VA medical centers in January 1980 was 71,392.

### COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.
Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact C1D #\_\_\_\_\_, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

Galveston Air Base, William P. Crawford is seek-ing witnesses to verify a claim that while trans-porting fuel, fumes damaged his thyroid and he was hospitalized while stationed at Galveston,

ne was hospitalized while stationed at Galveston, Tex. in 1944. Contact CID 665

Hqs. Sqdn., John Ronald Ognisanti needs witnesses to verify a claim that in the early part of 1945 while stationed at Greensboro, NC he was carried out of his barracks unconscious and hospitalized. Contact CID 666

82d Airborne, Charles F. Stetler is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Drum, NY in 1953, he suffered frost bite. Contact CID 667

LSMR-522, Warren J. Atkins is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at St. Augustine, FL in 1945, he fell into a bilge and suffered back and right foot injuries. Contact CID 668

"B" Co., 601st Ord. Bn., Theodore J. Dittrich needs witnesses to verify a claim that he suf-fered a nervous condition while stationed at Mainz Gonsenheim, Germany in 1953-54. Con-

Recon. Co., 2d Marine Div., William E. Evans needs witnesses to verify a claim that he fell and injured both knees while on duty in Saipan in 1944. Contact CID 670

3970th Support Sq., Frederick Kuhn, Jr., is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that he was discharged due to a back injury while stationed at Torrejon AFB, Spain in 1961. Contact CID 671

Red Baller, Warren I. Maston needs witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered head and eye injuries from a truck accident while stationed in Shonroot, Belgium in 1944. Contact CID 672

Shonroot, Belgium in 1944. Contact CID 672
Krisgaughns, Germany, Leonard L. Nolan is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered a head injury when a stone was thrown from a tank while stationed in Krisgaughns, Germany in 1957. Contact CID 673
1st Platoon, Delta Co., 101st Airborne, Charles V. Peotitier is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that he suffered a knee injury while jumping from a helicopter under enemy fire while stationed at Camp Evans, South Vietnam in 1971. Contact CID 674

### **Roland Cocreham** Former Dept. Adj.

Roland Cocreham, former Louisiana Dept. Adj. and member of numerous National Commissions, died recently in Clinton, LA. He was 84.

Mr. Cocreham served as Dept. Adj. from 1929 to 1940. He was National Defense Commission chairman from 1941 to 1943, National Legion Publications Commission vice-chairman from 1945 to 1946 and that commission's chairman from 1946 to 1947.

He was also a member of the National Distinguished Guest Commission and Membership and Post Activities Commission.

From 1967 to 1968 he served as vice-chairman of the National Foreign Relations Council and, from 1973 to 1974, he was the vice-chairman of the National Security Council.

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Kilroy of "Kilroy was here" fame finally made it to Indianapolis—riding on The American Legion's float in the nationally televised 500 Festival Parade. The Legion's Kilroy—a dummy received at Legion Natl. Hdqtrs. in 1976 from Mrs. Florence Smith of Trumbull, CT—rides on the float dominated by a 13-foot replica of himself. The float has a carnation-covered tow unit shaped like the globe with U.S. flags indicating those places where Americans have served. "Kilroy" is circled

by a field of live poppies, in salute to WWI veterans. The parade coincided with the Legion's "Open House" at some 16,000 Posts across the country where Legionnaires and guests got a chance to watch their favorite character in the parade line-up on television. Shown riding the float as it passed Natl. Hdqtrs. are, from left, Charlie Hall, Dept. of Indiana Director of Rehabilitation; Auxiliary member Judy Carter of Indianapolis and Indianapolis Post 510 Cdr. John Smith.

### **TAPS**

The Taps notices mention, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

Rear Admiral Maxwell W. Wells, USNR, FL Department Commander (1949-50).

Arthur Joseph Davignon, Canada Department Adjutant (1971-77, 78-), and Department Commander (1977-78).

Roland E. Shank, ME Department Vice Commander (1961-62).

Donald Murdoch McSween, TN Department Commander (1947-48).

Leon F. Hendrick, MS Department Commander (1924-25) and National Executive Committee (1926-27).

### VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

Q. Are all veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery?

A. Burial is available to deceased veterans of wartime or peacetime service (other than for training) who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable at all national cemeteries having available grave space, except Arlington National Cemetery.

Q. What is the maximum Veterans Administration home loan available?

A. VA guarantees loans made by private lenders. There are no established maximums. However, no loan may exceed the reasonable property value as determined by a fee appraiser.

Q. My husband received an honorable discharge after several months of service at the end of WWII. He is now disabled by an illness unrelated to his service. Is he eligible for a VA pension?

A. If he served at least 90 days between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946, is permanently and totally disabled and has income within limits set by law, he qualifies. Check with VA for full details.

Q. I am a Veterans Administration work-study program student but I am forced to withdraw from all my classes. May I work out the remaining hours of my contract?

A. Yes. You can work out those hours of unperformed service for which you received advanced payment.

Q. I am currently receiving VA dependency and indemnity compensation as a widow. I plan to enter a program of education soon. Will the education assistance I receive affect the DIC benefits I now receive?

A. No. Education benefits will not affect the payment of DIC to a surviving eligible spouse.



### **OUTFIT REUNIONS**

Reunion will be held in month Indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given. Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to O. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 42606. Notices should be received at least five months before scheduled reunion. No written letter necessary to get form.

Army

1st Bn., 152d Inf., 38th Cyclone Div. (Aug-Huntingburg, IN). Alan D. Stephens, 2842 Wahoo Dr., New Albany, IN 47150 (812) 944-

0400
3d Bn., 157th F.A. Assn. (Sept-Bridgeton, NJ).
Melvin T. Atkinson, 402 Fulton St., Millville,
NJ 08332 (201) 825-4824
3d Cav. Gp., 3d & 43d Sqdns. (Sept-Milwaukee,
WI). Bill Wagenknecht, 5800 W. Vienna, Milwaukee, WI 53216 (414) 442-9085
3d Ord. Co. (MM) (Sept-Billings, MT). Robert
W. Appleby, 324 Prospect Dr., Glendive, MT
59330 (406) 365-2468
4th Air Depot Gp. (Aug-LeSourdesville, OH).
George C. Smith, 5262 Mississippi Dr., Falrfield, OH 45014 (513) 892-9622
4th F.A. Assn. (Sept-Fayetteville, NC). Dallas M.

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6th Ord. (MM) Co. (WWII) (Sept-Portland, ME). Col. R.S. Crossman, (Ret), 124 Atlantic Rd., North Palm Beach, FL 33408
7th F.A. Assn. (Sept-Hyannis, MA). Thomas J. Sonla, 3 Linden Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930
8th Cav. Regt. (HM) Co. (1954-56) (Aug-New Orleans, LA). Monty Treft, 810 S. "C" St., Wellington, KS 67152 (316) 326-5013
9th F.A. Bn. WWII (Sept-Albert Lea, MN). Roy B. Purdy, Rt. 2, Box 84, Alden, MN 56009 (507) 874-3190

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A.B. Harward, 523 College Dr., Raeford, NC
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17th Air Depot Repair Sq. (Aug-Washington, DC).
Harry Graham, 209 MacArthur Rd., Alexandria,
VA 22305
26th (Yankee) Inf. Div. (September). Elwyn H.
Lindstrom, 12 Shirley Ave., Milibury, MA
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27th Inf. Div. Band (August). Phllip F. Hirsch,
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132d Gen. Hospital Army Vets Assn. (Sept-Chicago, IL). John Schoeph, 907 N. 18th Ave.,



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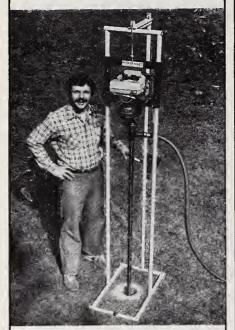
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## The Human Spirit

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superiority in nuclear weapons was a compelling deterrent in the balance of terror. This has proven to be as wretched a delusion as the invincibility of the Maginot Line. More particularly, Russia's intercontinental nuclear throwweight exceeds that of the United States by more than three to one.

Thus, positions are now reversed. The result is that the United States is no longer the nuclear shield of Western Europe. Indeed, no one in Western Europe expects such American protection. Moreover, this is not the only field in which the European allies feel that the United States has let them down.

Military might also reflects itself in political power. The Kremlin is leaning on the NATO governments ative arts to shadow existence. If Europe is subsequently Leninized, it means a return of the Dark Ages in the form of the Communist zombieland

And yet the actual disposition of the Russian forces reveals the mortal weakness of Communism. Close students of Napoleon, the Russians believe that the intangible outweighs the tangible three to one. The history of Russia proves it. Napoleon's Grand Army overwhelmed and defeated the armies of the Czar. Napoleon actually captured Moscow-but Napoleon went down in defeat. Contrary to the general impression, Napoleon was not defeated by the Russian winter. Napoleon was defeated by the undying spirit of the Russian people. The proof: the Russian



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and the NATO governments are buckling under it. Their failure to offer outright military support to the United States in protecting their Persian Gulf oil supply indicates that they have been weighing the Russian tanks massed on their borders and that their ancient cities are again under the guns of enemy artillery. Unless the NATO alliance is buttressed massively and quickly, Western Europe bids fair to crumple into a Finlandization. This would bring a deepening twilight of "peace" without freedom, a reduction of its culture, its traditions and its cre-

people lived on through the same winter which killed Napoleon's Grand Army.

No less than they were the tenacious enemy of Napoleon, the Russian people are the enemy of the Russian Communists. Why else would the Kremlin post 31 divisions against NATO, but keep 66 divisions at battle readiness to guard Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev—the internal boundaries of Old Russia? Why else do the commissars and the Politburo members travel through Moscow at high speed and in curtained limousines? The record of World War II

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speaks for itself. Hitler's invading armies captured three million Russian soldiers with superior artillery in a matter of months. Three million Russians surrendered to Hitler, hoping he was their liberator. Indeed, the Ukraine was ready to rise to the support of the German Army—until Hitler out-butchered Stalin. So they rallied round the devil they knew.

The Russian people outlasted Hitler too, but they needed the decisive American help to do it, as Stalin admitted. Russia continues as a prison. The 66 Russian divisions (23 tank) are holding Fortress Russia not only against the Russian people but against the "satellites" of Middle Europe: East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania and, to a lesser degree, Bulgaria. Every one of these captive peoples has revolted. Every one of those revolts was brutally crushed with the merciless force of the Red Army.

The application of crushing military forces did not crush the spirit of these captive peoples. As much as they could, they "voted with their feet," and fled West. In the end, the Russian Communist empire was forced to erect one of the most humiliating monuments of governmental weakness in recorded history. It was forced to erect the Iron Curtain, including the Berlin Wall, not to protect its people, but to keep them prisoners. Sir Winston Churchill acidly described their dilemma. The Communists, he said, fear our friendship more than they do our enmity. The Iron Curtain was erected, he declared, not to keep us out, but to keep their captives in.

Further illustration of the Communist vulnerability is the relative compression exerted. It is the Russian people themselves who suffer maximum security oppression. Significantly, in the satellite states of Middle Europe, while the captive peoples live within "guidelines"boundaries beyond which challenge to Communism may not be madethey are much more free than Russian citizens. In Russia, while the homicidal paranoia of Stalin no longrules through institutionalized terror, the KGB watches, waits, taps and tracks to the extent that the Moscow citizen of today is far less free than the Siberian prisoners of Continued . . . Amazing New Vitamin Can Help Restore Your Youthful Vigor, At Any Age!

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the Czar. The historical fact is that the Communists have shed far more Russian blood in suppressing rebellions than they have shed in their captive satellite states, and far, far more than the Czars.

The satellite countries of Middle Europe have Communist governments which are hated body and soul by the various peoples. Though the patriotic rebellions were swiftly and brutally crushed with the assistance of the Soviet armies, the sacrifice of these patriots was not in vain. Their Quisling governments were forced to grant concessions. Thus, a delicate balance based on weakness was recognized by the Kremlin. More particularly, the captive peoples were not permitted to rebel. On the other hand, the Quisling governments were given considerable latitude in meeting the basic demands of the people. This has resulted in a much wider "freedom" than exists inside the Soviet Union. Romania, indeed, displays an insouciant, if not impudent posture of independence. But, with the Russian Army massed on its borders, it is more like a barking poodle than a defiant mastiff.

Its vulnerability is such that the Soviet Union cannot and will not allow any latitude within its captive country to be construed as economic freedom or political independence. It left no doubt of this when, in 1968, it rolled 500,000 Soviet troops into Czechoslovakia because of the growing ties with the West by the Dubcek government. The swift occupation involved some symbolic satellite troops. The Kremlin then announced the Brezhnev Doctrine, which boldly asserts the "right" of the Soviet Union to enter a country when its social doctrine, i.e., its puppet Communist government, needs military force to remain in power.

This again illuminates the inherent structural weakness of Communist Russia. The entrance of the Soviet Army into Czechoslovakia couldn't possibly have been to forestall a move by NATO to come to the assistance of the Czechs; then, as now, the West is in a worse state of funk than at Munich in 1938. What the Soviets really feared was that the Czechs' spark might ignite a conflagration of freedom in the smoldering peoples of the satellite nations.

Keen awareness of a spontaneous general uprising in the captive satellites, exploited or capitalized by the West must be a cardinal part of Russian security. Thus, for fear of being entrapped in a European Vietnam where Western Europe would use Tito as its surrogate, Stalin accepted a stalemate with Yugoslavia's leader. Stalin allowed him a much wider scope than the satellites, provided Tito respected the domination of Russia in the satellite states and did not himself become a satellite of the West. Tito, a shrewd trader, flirted with each and was faithless to both.

The different measures of compression, from maximum at Moscow to medium at Warsaw, East Berlin, and Budapest, to little or none at Belgrave, reveal the structural strain within the Soviet Union. In one sentence (and quite obviously) the Kremlin would fear an open election in Russia more than a foreign war and, strangely enough, the Kremlin would be correct. Moreover, the Russian people themselves have allies. Russia, despite her overwhelming military power, does not bestride the world like a Colossus. Russia is bordered on the east by one billion Chinese Buddhists, Confucians, and Taoists; on the south by 600 million Mohammedans and on the west by 600 million Christians.

History offers an inexorable example: the Roman Empire and its mighty Legions laid claim to all of the West, from Scotland to Iraq and from Romania to Egypt. The overwhelming weight of the Roman arms bore down heavily on all peoples. None had the military power to oppose it. However, a child was born in Bethlehem. This illustrates the problem the Kremlin faces today: the Communists could and did handcuff 10,000 young Polish officers, take them out to the Katyn Forest and shoot them in the back of the head, but the Kremlin can no more stop Christ, the personification of freedom, in Poland today than the Roman emperors could stop him at Calvary 2,000 years ago.

The fact is that the human spirit, compressed, is in the end the greatest explosive force known to history.

However, as in American colonial days, the spirit of freedom must be marshaled. The weapons are simple: the telephone, the mail box and the

high school auditorium of today are the Village Green of yesterday.

There is much hope. The Kremlin has learned from the defeat of Napoleon and Hitler that mere arms cannot prevail over the spirit of man. Napoleon was wrong: God is not on the side of the heaviest artillery. In the end, he is on the side of him whom He created in His own image.

Against Hitler, America was the arsenal of Democracy. Against Communism, America must be the citadel of freedom. America must mobilize its spirit as it did in 1776; then it must help marshal all free men.

As an old veteran of the OSS, I find it odd, indeed, to read Longfellow's version of the marshaling of the American spirit by Paul Revere:

A hurry of hoofs in a village street,

A shape in the moonlight, a bulk in the dark.

And beneath, from the pebbles, in passing, a spark

Struck out by a steed flying fearless and fleet;

That was all! And yet, through the gloom and the light,

The fate of a nation was riding that night;

And the spark struck out by that steed, in his flight,

Kindled the land into flame with its heat.

So through the night rode Paul Revere:

And so through the night went his cry of alarm

To every Middlesex village and farm,

A cry of defiance and not of fear, A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,

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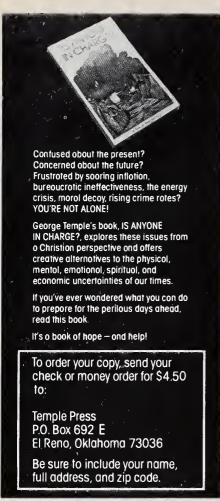
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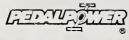




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my years in uniform, especially during the prison years, I made one repeated, consistent error-I always underestimated the Americans. Americans are a marvelous, creative and gutsy race. Steeled with the conscience of their history, they are invincible. The honor leg of our nation's three legged stool-pride and conscience—will never be broken.

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I think there exists a clear and persuasive parallel between my prison experience and our lives in today's extortion environment. Survival requires some basic tools. The future of this nation is uncertain, but I'm confident that its course will require a deeper, more dynamic form of individual patriotic expression. A "business as usual" outlook will not be enough. Deeply involved in world affairs for many years, our nation's gaze has been fixed on the international scene. While this global outlook will no doubt continue, I believe that in adversity our view will inevitably be forced inward, toward our fellow man and on our proud heritage.

Why am I so confident in predicting this shift? For two reasons—our nation has had a long, colorful and frequently bloody history. I foresee no difference in the future. Will and Ariel Durant (my favorite historians) found only 268 years of the recorded history of the last 4,000 years that were free of this blight of war on the planet. And those who think that we've seen our last war are. in my opinion, dead wrong. I take my tip from a 17th-century scholar, Blaise Pascal, father of modern probability theory, and I make the Pascal wager that a general war will blight this planet, probably before the end of the century. That's my Pascal wager. He, of course, advised us all to wager on that outcome by which one would stand to lose the least in case he were wrong. The trends, as I read them, make this the safe wager.

As a nation, we've made considerable strides in the last decade to insure that all Americans are afforded their rights to freedom. Yet their concurrent obligations as citizens have unmistakably lagged behind our cultural progress. Rights incur obligations. There are dues to pay for our freedom that few are willing to acknowledge until it's stripped

away or threatened by an army invading our shores. We've been fortunate to keep our ramparts at our adversaries' gates rather than on American soil-that may change. We are embarking on an era that will test the true mettle of our patriotism -that commitment to the common good that does not cloak self interest and is not focused on specific causes that are subordinate to that good. That's special interest, not patrio-

We've not been called upon to guard the passes of our heritage and the Western tradition since the Revolution. The uncertainty of the world situation dictates that we gird ourselves mentally, physically spiritually for the known and unknown challenges ahead. I take pride in knowing that many Americans have thought well enough of this nation to lay down their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to defend it. Patriotism demands much from her standard bearers. The long tradition of this country lightens that awesome responsibility. Our honor will be tested. All of us will



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serve not only as our brother's keeper, but also as our nation's.

So what's my answer? Maybe it's my feeling when our National Anthem is played or when the colors are paraded. My gut reaction is that many others feel the same way but haven't the pride—in themselves and their country and the conscience of a time-tested heritage that's been carved out by patriots since the birth of our nation—to show it.

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The American Legion Auxiliary will be headquartered at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, where the Auxiliary's always impressive States Dinner will be held on the night of Wednesday, August 20. This year the Eight et Forty will be at the Howard Johnson 57 Park Plaza Hotel, whose 57 Restaurant may be one you'll want to keep in mind when dining out.

It's the Ninth Annual Convention year for the Sons of the American Legion, who will be holding their sessions in the Dome Room of the Lenox Hotel, Saturday and Sunday. August 16 and 17.

Logistics-wise, it should be fairly easy for Legionnaires to get around at this convention. With the Sheraton Boston as the focal point and the John B. Hynes Auditorium in the same complex, a hop-skip-andjump will do it for those housed at the Legion's headquarters hotel. Those heaquartered at other hotels will have only a block or two walk between the Lenox, the Howard Johnson 57 Park Plaza and the Boston Park Plaza, and about a six-block walk from the Boston Park Plaza to the Sheraton Boston Hotel. In Boston's comparatively temperate summer climate, these short hikes shouldn't present any major problem for most Legionnaires.

The Steivos will hold their get-together Friday, August 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

Since a convention isn't all business meetings, convention floor sessions and formal dinners, you may want to pursue some of the following leisure-time suggestions. For shopping there is smart Newbury Street, with Bonwit Teller, housed in a picturesque old mansion, adjacent. Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue both are located right in the Prudential Center itself. Check out Jordan Marsh and Filene's department stores, the latter with its world-renowned basement where bargain hunters can have a field day. Antique lovers will enjoy browsing along Charles Street with its treasure-laden shops.

For theater, the Boston Park Plaza Hotel might serve as your directional guidepost, since it is only about two blocks from the heart of Boston's theater district along Tremont Street.

We've already mentioned the famous symphony orchestra, based at Symphony Hall, and the Pops housed there as well. Those interested in art should put the outstanding Museum of Fine Art on their "must see" list. It's a little out of the way, but easily within reach by public transportation. Nearby is the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum which provides a unique Boston experience both for art and flower lovers. Others may want to tour the Museum of Science or the Boston Aquarium, among the best of their kind, or visit the recently completed Kennedy Library, spectacularly situated at Columbia Point, about four miles from the center of downtown Boston.

History buffs have so much to see in this "Cradle of the Revolution" that they must select from the wealth of choices according to their own taste and time. A walking tour on Freedom Trail will bring you to 15 of the nation's most historic sights, all located within a 1.5 mile radius of the Boston Common. If possible, try also to include a visit to the towns of Concord, Lexington and Salem, only a short drive outside the city. Exec-U-Tours of Boston has been appointed official conductor of local tours, to assist those Legionnaires who prefer to have someone else do the driving.

For the more energetic, a walk around the Boston Common and Public Garden, a ride in one of the Public Garden's famous swan boats or a hike up Beacon Hill to Louisburg Square with its cobblestoned walks, quaint flower boxes, old-fashioned foot scrapers and gas lamps are all guaranteed to please.

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Boston will be holding a "World In Boston" celebration during the month of August. Located at City Hall, it will be an international festival of performances, foods and crafts from various ethnic backgrounds. The festival will offer Legionnaires a fine opportunity to "travel abroad at home."

Restaurant-goers will have a virtual feast spread before them in both variety and number. First there are the fine hotel restaurants, among them the Ritz Carlton's elegant dining room that overlooks the Public Garden. Moving beyond them, you can go from the tops of tall buildings with their modern rooms and spectacular views to quaint, antiquefilled houses with only a few tables for quiet dinners. It's all a matter of what spells glamorous, exciting dining to you.

Those who like dining on top of things might go to the Bay Tower Room, 33 floors up, with its skyline view of the city. A private dining club by day, it is open to the public in the evening, reservations recommended. The Top of the Hub, on the Prudential Building's 52d floor, offers a spectacular look at today's Boston—exceeded only by the John Hancock building's 60th floor observatory. Coming back down to earth, you could go to Ye Olde Union Oyster House, which dates back to 1826 and is the city's oldest restaurant. It has sawdust on the floor, its own lobster tank and serves shore dinners. Or try Anthony's Pier 4 or Jimmy's Harborside, with their waterfront locations and excellent fish selections in addition to a general menu. A more continental atmosphere can be found at Maison Robert, with its French cuisine or at Nine Knox Street, an 1869 brick row house that offers intimate dining. Traditionalists may want to try Locke-Ober Cafe, founded in 1875 and a Bostonian favorite.

For those who like to stay out late, Boston-Boston The Discotheque, Jason's and Club Max are among the spots you might try when you want music and disco dancing.

It's apparent, there's a lot more to Boston than the staid image of the city's Back Bay Brahmin might lead you to expect. So make your reservations, pack your bags and head to Boston this August for some great late-summer fun.



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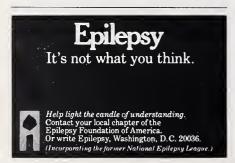
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## A Challenge for Champions

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swers. It's only difficult when I find a hole here and there with only two or three spaces."

"Work from the middle of the puzzle first," advises Weng. "The middle is usually the hardest. And do the longer ACROSS words first. Otherwise, it's largely trial and error. You learn as you go."

Young agrees that it's a matter of experience. "A person who's used to doing puzzles could beat a Phi Beta Kappa who's never done one, every time. I could easily create a puzzle that people could never do by just asking esoteric questions for the same answers." For instance, the *Times of London's* words are ordinary, but the questions are cryptic, enigmatic riddles—anything to make them tough.

Does it take a genius to do a London Times' puzzle? "Sure . . . a mad genius," said Weng. "They don't make any sense. They originate from that screwball type of humor the English mentality is so famous for. Horrible!" As an editor, Weng looks for puzzles containing words with flair. "Point of no return" has flair, he asserts. "Assessment" doesn't ("it's a dull word"). He must also choose puzzles that are adapted to his audience.

Margaret Farrar looks for puzzles with long, intricate words and wide open spaces. Too many short words make a dull puzzle. Unless they've been accepted as part of a familiar phrase, the word must be grammatically correct. "A" union wouldn't be accepted, when "an" union is the choice of Harper's Dictionary of Contemporary Usage. Calling "labor arm" the answer to "branch of a union" wouldn't be correct either.

Once you're experienced in conceiving puzzles, our experts agree that you'll find certain letters and obscure words keep repeating themselves, such as the printer's measures: "em," and "en," or "pi's" (mixed type). A q must always be followed by a u and, interestingly, k and j are seldom found in the same word. E's, although they're the most frequently used letter in the English language, can give a lot of trouble. It's easier to manage an a, i, or an o in the middle of a word.

"There are so many words in our language, it's difficult for a crossword puzzle inventor to be trapped," Young claims. "You're stuck with

s-b-g? If you looked hard enough, you could probably find a Society for the Begetting of Goodness or some equally foolish abbreviation." The Dell Crossword Puzzle Dictionary was developed and then revised and enlarged as the ideal prescription for both solvers and creators. Although there are puzzles that include obsolete words that haven't been used since 1500, these are not considered by most editors to be legitimate. C-h-a-d, however, would be acceptable as a country in Africa or a country in the days of the Phoenicians. L-i-n-c-o-l-n could be a President, an auto or the shade of green Robin Hood wore.

Norman Young began creating and contributing puzzles to newspapers, puzzle books and magazines when he was 12 years old. Only a small percentage were published, but he had a lot of time and became adept at creating them rapidly. "The most I ever got, I think, was \$10, but that was a lot of money in those days," he said. "I got a lot of \$5 payments. The toughest part was getting someone to type it."

Both constructors and solvers maintain they learn not only words, but facts and fables to which they never would have been exposed without their puzzles. Fascinating facts, such as the dancer's "leotard" originally being a French aerialist's name, "jersies" being copied after the Isle of Jersey's beautiful—but infamous—Lily Langtry's close fitting knit shirts, and "Melba" toast and Peach "Melba" named for the Australian operatic soprano, Dame Nellie Melba.

But few people have matched the enthusiasm of Norman Young, who has just created a crossword puzzle in hieroglyphics. "Why shouldn't we make puzzles in classic Greek or old French or whatever appeals to us?" he asks. "Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics fascinate me." (His puzzle book will also include a guide for pronouncing the symbols.)

Whether the purpose is vocabulary building, a more constructive form of doodling, therapy for jangled nerves, overall intellectual growth, or the plain, raw challenge of it all, a wave of crossword puzzle creators is emerging

Now, can you give me a three-letter word for "muttonbird"? ■

### Letters

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age term? It denotes the rolling of the spacecraft in orbit to take advantage of or to avoid the sun's

> THOMAS ALLISON Richmond, CA

### More "Anaconda"

• "The Russian Anaconda" (April) shows clearly the progress that Communism has made in planting the seeds of hatred around the world and how the bitter roots have grown and spread. I wish that everyone in the U.S. and the Free World could read

> NICK SAWKA Mayfield, PA

• I wish to thank you for "The Russian Anaconda" with its very clear appraisal of the Soviet Union's worldwide strangulation policy. I trust this article will help to awaken hundreds of thousands of people to the realization of the dangerous hour in which we live.

> BOB STEWARD Harrison, MI

• "The Russian Anaconda" points out the reality of Soviet destructive policy and Lenin's prediction that the nation that controls the major waterways could strangle its enemies and control the world.

LEW FARKAS, SR. Baldwin Park, CA

### More Vietnam

 All college students should be exposed to RAdm. Jeremiah Denton's "Putting Vietnam Into Perspective" (March), to straighten out the distortion heaped on the Vietnam War. MARVIN WAHLERT Williams, IA

### German Misconnection

• "The German Misconnection" (April) rekindled personal reminiscences of the described mission on Long Island Sound. I was one of the men from the Ninth Reconnaissance Troop who participated in the amphibious scout training. Also, I was one of the six men to cross the Atlantic aboard the submarine Barb for the mission to Morocco. With others I received the Silver Star for our mission.

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## Commanders Message

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Something had to be done to curb the tide of affairs and the veterans stepped forward. In May 1787, 55 men, many of whom had fought in the Revolutionary War, gathered in Philadelphia to mold a young nation into a viable union. Those who had fought to give birth to a republic worked closely with political leaders from every state to build a loom on which the fabric of a workable government could be woven.

Over the ensuing 30 years, they faced each problem and found solutions to counter every crisis. Due in no small part to the influence wielded by these former soldiers, the military was rebuilt, the currency was brought under control, and the United States emerged from a chaotic time as a world power complete with enforceable doctrines designed to preserve peace in our hemisphere.

Almost 100 years later, the nation was again divided-this time into a defeated South wallowing in penury and a victorious North enjoving unprecedented prosperity. A

### "... our advice has been well founded and . . . we will lead the way."

reconciliation and just reconstruction program was sought in the interest of preserving a union torn asunder by war. Again the voices heard were those of veterans; Generals Grant and Sherman, among others, pleaded for a program which would unite the nation and return her to widespread prosperity.

But there were other problems, some reminiscent of those faced by the Founding Fathers. By the early 1870s, President Grant found that the army and navy had begun to atrophy, the inevitable consequence of neglect. In fact, the U.S. Navy, by 1881, had scarcely a single ship adequately outfitted for warfare.

Owing partly to this lamentable state of affairs, Hamilton Fish, head of the State Department, was faced with only limited courses of action when Spanish authorities seized the American ship Virginius on the high seas and executed 53 of her seamen. It was only Fish's patience, deter-

mination and diplomacy which prevented the nation from entering yet another war for which it was ill-prepared. Eventually, he extracted apologies and indemnities from the Spanish Government, but the nation was outraged.

Again veterans called for a rebuilding of our military might as insurance against such barbarous acts and Congress eventually yielded and appropriated funds in 1883 for the "ABCD" cruisers. After more than a decade of steady growth, we had a fleet capable of waging war on Spain in 1898 and winning handily.

United under the banner of the Grand Army of the Republic, veteran voices continued to be heard as they lobbied for a sound foreign policy, workable domestic policy, pensions and other benefits for those who had borne the battle. The G.A.R. called for conservative fiscal policies and asked that the resultant overflow in the treasury be dispensed to veterans.

Claiming that "now is not the time to weigh the claims of old soldiers with apothecary's scales," President Benjamin Harrison, a former brigadier general, appointed a Civil War veteran, Corporal James Tanner, a double amputee, as Commissioner of Pensions.

History is replete with examples of veteran influence and especially so since the formation of The American Legion in 1919. Now, in 1980, the national situation is again much the same as it has been after every conflict. Again, I believe, Americans are looking to us veterans to nudge our political leadership, to cajole them, to guide them into proper and needed courses of action.

We in the Legion have been doing exactly that for more than 61 years. Though we have not been the first to adopt the new or the last to cast aside the old, our advice has been well-founded and history has proved the wisdom of our resolutions.

Just as the country called on us in 1917, 1941, 1950 and 1961, she is calling again. As in times past, we shall lead the way. I fully expect Legionnaires everywhere to answer her call with bold new programs and innovative solutions to current problems when we meet next month in Boston.



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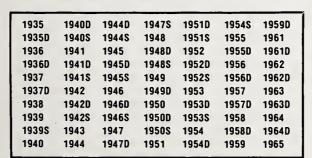


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-Barbara Beal

### Fool's Gold?

Two matrons who had been chorus girls in their heyday were discussing those times nostalgically.

times nostalgically.

"And just think," sighed one. "We had to be gold diggers when gold was only \$35 an ounce!"

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-Anne Dirkman

Remember when campers were people and not trucks?

-George Winger

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-LANE OLINGHOUSE

### Cashless Quandary . . .

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-George E. Bergman

### Vacation Itinerary . . .

I've already been where it's at, And though I have no complaint, This year I want to go Some place where it ain't!

-HAL WILLIAMS

Moral: A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing okay.

-Selma Glasser

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A husband and wife consulted a marriage counselor. "Our biggest problem seems to be that in the eight years we've been married, we've never been able to agree about anything," complained the husband.

"No, it's been nine years," the wife said.

-Delia O'Neil

The difference between winter and summer is that in winter the bare limbs are on trees.

-Henry E. Leabo

### **Early Erudition?**

A little boy watching his father don a tuxedo in preparation for a party asked, "Daddy, why do you wear that suit? It always gives you such a headache next day."

-GENE DE LAINE

A penniless writer was approached by his landlord as his rent was past due. "You don't know what you're doing to yourself," the writer said. "Twenty years from now people will look at this house and say, 'Clark, the novelist, once lived here.'"

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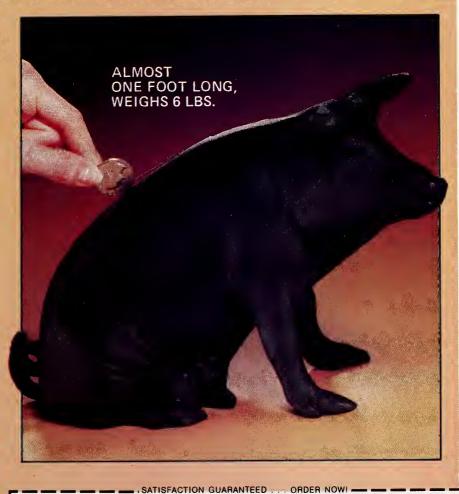
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